

# Torrance Printer Pleads Guilty to Forgery Charge

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**SAFE JOB**—Kevin Eliason, building manager of the Torrance YMCA, 2000 Washington Ave., looks over office safe from which door was ripped off by safecrackers over week-end. Although the thieves spent considerable time opening the safe, all they got for their effort was \$25 in cash and 12 cans of peanut toffee. —Press Photo

### Paget Elected Head of Torrance Chamber

J. H. Paget, 46, downtown Torrance businessman and civic leader, is the new president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The manager of J. J. Newberry's was elected to the Chamber's top spot by the board of directors Tuesday, and will succeed Fred Mill in that position.

R. S. Pyle, manager of the Pacific Telephone Co., here was named first vice president, succeeding Paget, and Glenn Koger, of Rome Cable Co. 1958 "Citizen

of the Year" is the new second vice president.

Jack Phillips, president of Independent Builders Supply was elected treasurer, while Dick Fitzgerald, manager, will remain in the dual capacity of secretary.

Paget, who will serve a one-year term, was born in El Paso, Texas, and was educated at Texas Western College. He has been with the Newberry chain for 26 years, and served as manager of the Salinas store before he took over the management of the Torrance store in 1947.

He has been a Chamber director for seven years and held every office in the organization. He is past president of the Downtown Retail Merchants Division, he is a director of the Executive Dinner Club, a former member of the Park and Recreation Commission and Parking Commission, and past chairman of many fund drives and community events.

Paget and his wife, Joy, are parents of three children, James, 20, Joe, 18, and Nancy, 15, and reside at 1329 Arlington Ave.



J. H. PAGET

### Board Cool Toward Educational TV

Torrance school officials are lukewarm at most in their attitude toward educational television.

"The tremendous amount of pressure and publicity that is trying to put educational television in a good light—when you get behind the scenes—doesn't stand the light of education in terms of what is said about it," commented Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent.

He informed the Board of Education that he believes that a move to put video sets into classrooms at half price is "a gimmick."

Hull asked the board if it is prepared to spend between \$7000 and \$8000 for a program which he said has not yet been proven, or wait and let someone else test it.

"The representatives and salesmen of foundations and television promoters are the ones who are making these rosy statements of the benefits of TV."

"Obviously they have something to sell, but whether it is as good for children as they say it is, has not really been determined," the superintendent declared.

### Dr. Moshos Hurt Critically in Auto Accident

Dr. Don Moshos was critically injured in an automobile accident while returning here with his family from an Alaskan vacation.

The physician's Torrance office said that the accident occurred Tuesday and that Dr. Moshos underwent emergency surgery in a Canadian hospital.

His wife and four of his children were with him, but they are not believed to be injured. The Moshos had left here June 27 for a month's vacation.

### Bus Lines Serves Southwest Park

Services to the 190th St. and Anza Ave. shopping center by Torrance Municipal Bus Lines went into effect last Sunday, Bus Superintendent M. A. Chamberlain announced.

He said the Los Angeles line via North Torrance, will now make a stop at the center in both directions, traveling on Halison, Anza and 190th St. in addition to the regular route.

### Rabies Clinic

Rabies clinics will be held July 29 at Redondo Beach City Park, Pacific Ave., and Torrance Blvd., and at Perry Park, Grant and Slauson Aves., Redondo Beach from 7 to 9 p.m.

The South Bay Humane Society points out that valid rabies certificates are required for the issuance of dog licenses which are now due.

# Downtown Robbery Pair Captured in Las Vegas

## City Steel Works Hit by Strike

## Gunmen in \$2000 Robbery



**MESSY THIEVES**—James K. Lees, M. D., inspects the mess made by burglars who broke into a medical building at Carson and Amapola Sts. over the week-end. Total loss was \$49 in cash, but the thieves ransacked every drawer and cabinet in the office. —Press Photo

### Steel Strike Hits City Factories

Torrance steelworkers got set for what is expected to be a long strike following fruitless negotiations which bogged down Tuesday at midnight.

Alec McJannett, president of Local 1414, which represents approximately 700 production employees at the Columbia-Geneva Division of U. S. Steel in Torrance, said he does not expect much picketing will be done until the vacation period ends July 26.

The Torrance works closed down Friday for an annual two weeks vacation with only minimum maintenance crews to be on duty.

### Opposes Strike

McJannett, who was a member of the union's negotiating committee in New York, said that he personally opposed the strike.

"All we wanted was to share some of the profits," he declared. He said that steel production is higher now even though the number of employees is down 20 per cent.

The nation-wide walkout began at midnight Tuesday.

Although the contract ended June 30, the strike deadline was postponed for two weeks while last-minute negotiations were carried on for a new contract.

### Asked Arbitration

McJannett said that the union's demands should have been submitted for arbitration.

"I'm opposed to the strike in any form, but we have no alternative," he declared.

The walkout immediately affects 800 employees at Columbia. (Continued on Page Two)

### Beard Ban Broadside Bothers Beatniks

A Rancho Days edict against the traditional beard-growing threatened to bubble into a coffee house revolution this week.

Jack Phillips, general chairman of the civic celebration to be staged here July 22-26, said that the annual whisker contest will be eliminated this year, and that his group does not encourage beard-growing.

"Too many complaints have been received that bearded Rancho Day supporters are mistaken for beatniks," he explained.

"Dad, what you expect from a bunch of squares?" one coffee house habitue murmured as he rattled his espresso cup disgustedly.

Phillips, who had the hirsute appearance of a Fidel Castro follower last year, decided to lead by example. He will be clean-shaven.

### Torrance Schools to Make Like Plato in Instruction

Individual instruction, evidences of which are recorded as far back as Plato and Aristotle, ancient Greek teachers, is the aim of the Torrance schools.

That was what Assistant Superintendent Albert N. Posner told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting Monday at the Torrance YWCA, as methods of individualized teaching were explained and demonstrated.

Individualized instruction, Posner said, is designed to develop a child to his capacity and to encourage him to work by himself to find his own answers. The Torrance schools seek individualized work with each teacher, rather than group teaching.

Principal Joe T. Brandon, Fern Greenwood Elementary School, showed how a typical fifth grade classroom might have children working on various aspects of addition, subtraction, multiplication,

or division. In any classroom, some children will require longer to master some phases of addition than others will take to learn complicated long division.

### New Kit

The individualization of reading has been aided by development of a new kit by the Science Reading Associates, Seaside Principal William Zacher declared. It contains a series of stories in pamphlet form, graded in difficulty from the third grade reading level to that of a junior college student. Each contains tests which help

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Police were expected to return late yesterday with two suspects in the more than \$2000 robbery of a drug store at 1327 El Prado. The pair, including a former assistant manager of the firm, were picked up by Las Vegas police in response to an all-points bulletin issued by Torrance detectives.



JOSEPH CEMORE

They were identified as Stephen Angelo Randazzo, 29, a former employe of the store, and Harry C. Artinian, 35, accused of driving the get-away car.

Both suspects were depicted as inveterate gamblers by Torrance detectives, saying they lost bundles at Gardena poker palaces and race tracks.

Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton and Det. Lee Ashman obtained \$5000 warrants for the two and were expected to return them here last night.

According to police, Randazzo is believed to have been the soft-spoken and chivalrous bandit who held up the store Sunday night at closing time.

Although he was polite about it, (Continued on Page Two)

### Printer Admits Forgery

A Torrance printer pleaded guilty to forgery and conspiracy charges Monday, while five other alleged members of a check ring will face Superior Court arraignment July 28.

Richard Vernon Florence, 34, who is charged with printing counterfeit checks which were passed by seven other asserted members of the gang, entered a guilty plea in the middle of the preliminary hearing in Los Angeles Municipal Court.

He was ordered to return to Superior Court Department 100 on Aug. 10 for hearing on probation and sentencing. He has been free on \$2500 bond since his arrest June 30.

His co-defendants, except for two men who were picked up after the others, were held to answer for Superior Court trial.

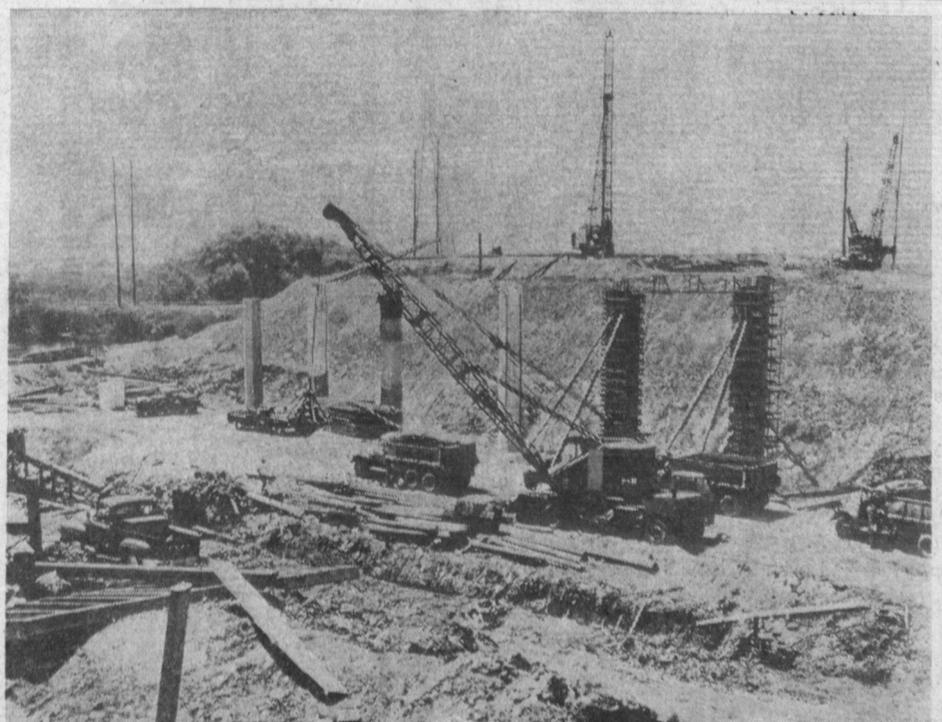
The include Inez Graham, 39-year-old redhead, who together with Robert Louis Ives, described as an ex-con with a long arrest record, were the alleged "brains" of the \$12,000 check-cashing operation.

Mrs. Graham a former Torrance resident, was nabbed here earlier this year on a vice charge. She and Gerald F. Beers, 58, and his wife, Evelyn, were picked up in her Hermosa Beach apartment.

Harry Ferrari, 56, of Wilmington, was the other defendant in the preliminary hearing.

Approximately 20 witnesses were called in the case by the prosecution. Detectives said that the eight

persons arrested passed forged checks on legitimate firms at supermarkets all over the county.



**GETTING CLOSER**—The 190th St. interchange of the Harbor Freeway, which will link Torrance to Los Angeles next year, is a beehive of activity these days as workmen are busy spanning the street. A request to allocate funds for the missing link of the freeway between 190th St. and Pacific Coast Highway will be made this month by a delegation of Harbor area representatives. —Press Photo

### Zone Change for Homes Approved

Rezoning of 97 acres from manufacturing to residential and commercial uses was approved by a 5-1 City Council vote Tuesday, reversing a stand it took six months ago.

Mayor Albert Isen, who cast the only opposing vote, warned that industrial land is being rapidly swallowed up by subdivisions, and with it any hope for tax relief.

But other councilmen claimed that the rezoning of the land at the southwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds. will encourage other land owners in the area to obtain speedy industrial development to prevent further residential buildings.

The rezoning was requested by Don Wilson and R. A. Watt, who withdrew a tentative tract map for development, until a later time because of legal technicalities.

As approved, the Sepulveda Blvd. frontage will be zoned commercially, the southerly and westerly areas for apartments. A school site will be located on the southwest corner of the tract.

# Downtown Dollar Days Start Today

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